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Transmission for PATRIOT Missile Test Station

NCDMM Project No. 06-0117-10

PROBLEM / OBJECTIVE

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Figure # 1 PATRIOT Motor Test Station

ACCOMPLISHMENTS / PAYOFF

Process Improvement

The NCDMM evaluated the transmission in order to develop a solution that met the requirements specified by LEAD. The transmission mounts and related equipment were recorded and envelope drawings were generated. The lubrication system and couplings were also inspected and it was determined that they were in need of replacement.

After considering the motor requirements and evaluating potential sources for a replacement transmission, the NCDMM specified requirements for a replacement transmission to The James A. Staley Company, located in Carmel, NY. With these

specifications, The James A. Staley Company was able to fabricate a custom replacement transmission.

The NCDMM traveled to LEAD along with The James A. Staley Company in order to install the replacement transmission, lubrication system, and couplings.

Implementation and Technology Transfer

The transmission and couplings were successfully replaced and installed and the full range of motors was tested on the test station. The new lubrication system (Figure #2) was installed with low pressure and high temperature sensing devices in order to prevent the system from running without adequate lubrication.

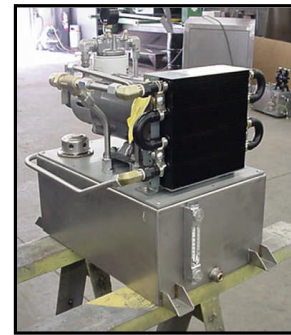


Figure # 2 Lubrication System

Expected Benefits

By replacing these worn components and adding monitoring devices, LEAD will significantly extend the life of the PATRIOT motor test station.

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